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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/029,616	JOINER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	PHUC H. TRAN	2668

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fletcher et al.

(U.S. Patent No. 6108782).

- With respect to claims 1, 9, 17, and 25, Fletcher teaches a method for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising: receiving network traffic information from a plurality of host controllers (col. 6, lines 25-28); and reporting on the network traffic information utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces (col. 2, lines 54-65); and wherein the host controllers are related to a zone (e.g. Fig. 1).

- With respect to claims 2, 10, and 18, Fletcher also teaches synchronizing a clock with the host controllers (col. 12, lines 10-20).

- With respect to claims 3, 11, and 19, Fletcher discloses wherein the network traffic information is originally collected by a plurality of agents coupled to the host controllers (e.g. Fig. 1).

- With respect to claims 4, 12, and 20, Fletcher teaches identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers (col. 9, lines 54-63).

- With respect to claims 5, 13, and 21, Fletcher further teaches reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones (e.g. each collectors for each area as Fig. 1).
- With respect to claims 6, 14, and 20, Fletcher teaches receiving maps from the host controller (col. 10, lines 30-33).
- With respect to claims 7, 15, and 23, Fletcher discloses reporting on the network traffic information utilizing the maps (col. 10, lines 34-40).
- With respect to claims 8, 16 and 24, Fletcher teaches offloading the network traffic information to a database (col. 9, lines 32-44).
- With respect to claim 26, Fletcher teaches a method for analyzing a network utilizing a zone controller, comprising:
  - synchronizing a clock with a plurality of host controllers (col. 12, lines 10-20);
  - receiving network traffic information from the host controllers (col. 6, lines 25-28);
  - identifying a zone associated with each of the host controllers (col. 9, lines 54-63);
  - receiving maps from the host controllers (col. 10, lines 30-33);
  - reporting on the network traffic information relating to each of the zones utilizing a plurality of network-based interfaces and the maps (col. 10, lines 34-40); and
  - offloading the network traffic information to a database (col. 9, lines 32-44).

***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Proctor (U.S. Patent No. 6530024 B1) discloses adaptive feedback security system and method.
- Sharon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6137782) discloses automatic network traffic analysis.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H. TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3172. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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